<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend Claims 1, 15, 21 and 29 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with an external apparatus, comprising:

a providing unit adapted to provide display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of the image processing apparatus to the external apparatus;

a holding unit adapted to hold language information indicative of a ~~selected~~ language <u>selected by a user from</u> among a plurality of kinds of languages; and

a data obtaining unit adapted to obtain the display data from the image processing apparatus if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus and to obtain the display data from said network interface apparatus if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus,

wherein said data obtaining unit designates the display data based on the language information held by said holding unit to obtain the display data corresponding to the language indicated by the language information held by said holding unit from the image processing apparatus and said providing unit provides the designated display data corresponding to the language indicated by the language information held by said holding unit to the external apparatus.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said providing unit provides the display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for selecting the language from among the plurality of kinds of languages, and said holding unit holds the language information indicative of the language selected on the picture plane.

4. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said providing unit provides the display data by using an HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), and wherein said data obtaining unit discriminates whether the requested data is type-dependent data which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus or type-independent data which does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus on the basis of a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the requested data, obtains the type-dependent data from the image processing apparatus if the requested data is the type-dependent data, and obtains the type-independent data from said network interface apparatus if the requested data is the type-independent data.

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the picture plane displays information regarding a paper feed, information regarding a paper delivery, and error information.

6. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display data which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus is image data showing an external view of the connected image processing apparatus.

7. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

8. (Previously presented) A network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with an external apparatus, comprising:

a providing unit adapted to provide display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of the image processing apparatus to the external apparatus;

an obtaining unit adapted to obtain shipping destination information showing to which place the image processing apparatus is shipped; and

a data obtaining unit adapted to obtain the display data from the image processing apparatus if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus and to obtain the display data from said network interface apparatus if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus,

wherein said data obtaining unit designates the display data based on the shipping destination information obtained by said obtaining unit to obtain the display data corresponding to the place shown by the shipping destination information obtained by said obtaining unit from the image processing apparatus and said providing unit provides the designated display data corresponding to the place shown by the shipping destination information obtained by said obtaining unit to the external apparatus.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said obtaining unit requests the shipping destination information from the image processing apparatus.

11. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said providing unit provides the display data by using an HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), and wherein said data obtaining unit discriminates whether the requested data is type-dependent data which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus or type-independent data which does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus on the basis of a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the requested data, obtains the type-dependent data from the image processing apparatus if the requested data is the type-dependent data, and obtains the type-independent data from said network interface apparatus if the requested data is the type-independent data.

12. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the picture plane displays information regarding a paper feed, information regarding a paper delivery, and error information.

13. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the display data which depends on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus is image data showing an external view of the connected image processing apparatus.

14. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

15. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus which is connected to a network interface apparatus for controlling data communication with an external apparatus, comprising:

storing unit adapted to store type-dependent data which depends on a type of said image processing apparatus in display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of said image processing apparatus; and

transfer unit adapted to transfer the type-dependent data stored in said storing unit to the network interface apparatus in accordance with a request from the network interface apparatus,

wherein the network interface apparatus designates the type-dependent data

based on a language selected by a user from among a plurality of kinds of languages, and

provides the designated type-dependent data transferred from said image processing

apparatus to the external apparatus, and wherein said transfer unit transfers the designated

type-dependent data corresponding to the selected language to the network interface

apparatus.

16. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein in

accordance with the request from the network interface apparatus, said transfer

unit transfers the type-dependent data stored corresponding to the selected language in the

type-dependent data stored in said storing unit to the network interface apparatus.

17. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said

image processing apparatus is a printer and the network interface apparatus is a network

card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

18. (Previously presented) An image processing apparatus which is

connected to a network interface apparatus for controlling data communication with an

external apparatus, comprising:

a storing unit adapted to store type-dependent data which depends on a type

of said image processing apparatus in display data necessary for constructing a picture

plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of said image processing apparatus;

a memory unit adapted to store shipping destination information showing to which place said image processing apparatus is shipped;

a first transfer unit adapted to transfer the shipping destination information stored in said memory unit to the network interface apparatus in accordance with a request from the network interface apparatus; and

a second transfer unit adapted to transfer the type-dependent data stored in said storing unit to the network interface apparatus in accordance with the request from the network interface apparatus,

wherein the network interface apparatus designates the type-dependent data based on the shipping destination information transferred by said first transfer unit, and provides the designated type-dependent data transferred from said image processing apparatus to the external apparatus, and wherein said second transfer unit transfers the designated type-dependent data corresponding to the place to the network interface apparatus.

19. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said second transfer unit transfers the type-dependent data corresponding to the shipping destination information stored in said memory unit in the type-dependent data stored in said storing unit to said network interface apparatus in accordance with the request from the network interface apparatus.

20. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said image processing apparatus is a printer and the network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

21. (Currently amended) A data providing method of providing data to an external apparatus from a network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with the external apparatus, comprising the steps of:

allowing the network interface apparatus to provide display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of the image processing apparatus to the external apparatus;

if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, allowing the network interface apparatus to designate the display data based on a language selected by a user from among a plurality of kinds of languages to request the display data corresponding to the selected language from the image processing apparatus;

allowing the image processing apparatus to transfer the designated display data to the network interface apparatus; and

if the display data necessary for the picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, allowing the network interface apparatus to obtain the display data stored in the network interface apparatus[[;]].

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said network interface apparatus provides the display data in which a picture plane for selecting the language has been described and holds the language information showing the language selected on said picture plane.

24. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 21, wherein the image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

25. (Previously presented) A data providing method of providing data to an external apparatus from a network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with the external apparatus, comprising the steps of:

allowing the network interface apparatus to provide display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of the image processing apparatus to the external apparatus;

if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, allowing the network interface apparatus to designate the display data based on shipping destination information showing to which place the image processing apparatus is shipped to obtain the display data corresponding to the place from the image processing apparatus;

allowing the image processing apparatus to transfer the designated display data to the network interface apparatus; and

if the display data necessary for the picture plane does not depend on the

apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, allowing the network interface apparatus

to obtain the display data from the network interface apparatus.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein said

network interface apparatus requests the shipping destination information from the image

processing apparatus.

28. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the

image processing apparatus is a printer and said network interface apparatus is a network

card which can be connected to a plurality of kinds of printers.

29. (Currently amended) A program for controlling a network interface

apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with

an external apparatus, wherein said program allows a computer to execute:

a providing step of providing display data necessary for constructing a

picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of the image processing

apparatus to the external apparatus; and

a data obtaining step of, if the display data necessary for constructing the

picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, designating

the display data based on a language selected by a user from among a plurality of kinds of

languages and obtaining the display data corresponding to the selected language from the image processing apparatus, and if the display data necessary for the picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, obtaining the display data from the network interface apparatus, and

wherein in said providing step, display data obtained in said data obtaining step is provided to the external apparatus.

30. (Previously presented) A program for controlling a network interface apparatus which is connected to an image processing apparatus and communicates with an external apparatus, wherein said program allows a computer to execute:

a providing step of providing display data necessary for constructing a picture plane for displaying or setting apparatus information of the image processing apparatus to the external apparatus;

an obtaining step of obtaining shipping destination information showing to which place the said image processing apparatus is shipped; and

a data obtaining step of, if the display data necessary for constructing the picture plane depends on an apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, designating the display data based on the shipping destination information obtained in said obtaining step and obtaining the display data corresponding to the place from the image processing apparatus, and if the display data necessary for the picture plane does not depend on the apparatus type of the image processing apparatus, obtaining the display data from said network interface apparatus,

wherein in said providing step, display data obtained in said data obtaining step is provided to the external apparatus.